IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI NORTHERN DIVISION

JAMES D. JOHNSON, AS NEXT FRIEND TO OLIVIA Y., ET AL.

PLAINTIFFS

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO.3:04-CV-251-TSL-FKB

PHIL BRYANT, AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, ET AL.

DEFENDANTS

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO EXCEED PAGE LIMITATION IN RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' RENEWED MOTION FOR CONTEMPT, FOR AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER

Defendants respectfully request the Court to allow Defendants' response memorandum in opposition to Plaintiffs' Renewed Motion for Contempt, for an Evidentiary Hearing and for the Appointment of a Receiver, to exceed the thirty-five page limitation. In addition, Defendants respectfully request that they be relieved from filing a supporting memorandum of authorities due to the self-explanatory nature of this Motion. In support of this Motion, Defendants state as follows:

- 1. Rule 7(b)(5) of the Uniform Local Rules for the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi provides that a respondent's memorandum brief may not exceed a total of thirty-five pages.
- 2. The Court granted Plaintiffs' request for permission to allow their original and rebuttal memorandums to exceed thirty-five pages.

- 3. Counsel for Defendants is aware that excessively long filings are not appropriate and every effort will be made to limit the response memorandum.
- Counsel for the Defendants contacted Plaintiffs' counsel about this Motion. 4. Plaintiffs do not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendants respectfully request that this Court allow Defendants' responsive memorandum briefs to exceed the thirty-five page limit.

Respectfully submitted, this the 10th day of June, 2015.

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